

Project	MASGC- Preserving Oral Histories of Waterfront-Related Pursuits in Bayou La Batre
Interview Date	August 22, 2008
Interview Length	0:08:55 (Title 1)
Interviewer	Michael Stieber
Videographer	Lynn Rabren
Interviewee	B.G. Thompson
Format	Tape # 13 HD 1080/24P
Affiliation	National Marine Fisheries Service, family involved in seafood industry
Keywords	Bayou La Batre, Canning Plants, Community History, Freight Boats, Imports, Railroad, Seafood Imports, Shrimping Boats, Steel Boats, Timber, Timbering, Tools, White Shrimp

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- 13:23:58:03 Interview introduction (start of interview)
- 13:24:31:18 Involvement of the Thompson family in Bayou La Batre (BLB) seafood industry over the years
- 13:24:53:03 General history of fishing industry in southwest Alabama
- 13:25:11:14 Importance of railroad and getting seafood to market/canning plants
- 13:25:50:21 Personal involvement in seafood industry
- 13:27:29:00 What it was like shrimping/fishing in the past and how it is different now days (technology in the past)
- 13:29:03:00 Keyword- Freight boats
- 13:29:26:00 Technological advances/changes (when they occurred and what they were)
- 13:29:51:09 Keyword- White shrimp
- 13:30:03:06 Keyword- Canning plants

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Interview Length	0:01:02 (Title 2)
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Format	Tape # 15 HD 1080/24P
Affiliation	National Marine Fisheries Service, family involved in seafood industry
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15:01:09:05 Regulations (who is involved in making decisions about seafood industry) CUT

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Interview Length	0:33:35 (Title 3)
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Interviewee	B.G. Thompson
Format	Tape # 14 HD 1080/24P
Affiliation	National Marine Fisheries Service, family involved in seafood industry
Keywords	1906 Hurricane, 200 Mile Act, Bayou La Batre, Canning Plants, Community History, Dauphin Island, Dredging, Freight Boats, Hurricane Katrina, Imports, Oyster Industry, Railroad, Recreational Fishing, Seafood Imports, Seine Fishing, Shrimping Boats, Steel Boats, Tonging, Tools, White Shrimp

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14:00:06:00	What the seafood industry was like in the early years
14:00:35:00	Life and patterns of white shrimp
14:01:26:00	Keyword- Seine fishing
14:02:44:17	Main seafood industries in the Bayou La Batre-Coden area
14:02:45:00	Keyword- Oyster Industry (history of)
14:04:02:12	Keyword- Canning plant
14:04:56:19	1906 hurricane
14:05:40:00	Evolution/history of the oyster industry (dredging, tonging, etc.)
14:07:26:00	Affects of storms on seafood industry over the years
14:07:50:00	Keywords- Hurricane Katrina and Dauphin Island
14:11:30:00	What it was like to grow up in the seafood industry (1930's on), the livelihood
14:13:00:00	Differences in seafood industry today versus the past (population increase, quality of seafood, etc.)
14:16:00:00	Importance of waterfront to the Bayou La Batre-Coden community and how it has changed over the years
14:18:44:00	Current condition of seafood industry in BLB-Coden area
14:19:00:00	Keyword- Shrimp imports
14:20:19:00	Opinion of the future of the seafood industry
14:21:40:00	Regulations and the seafood industry
14:22:19:09	Keyword- 200 mile act
14:27:35:00	What conservation needs to do/ can do in this area
14:30:32:12	Keyword- Recreational fishing
14:33:34:00	Interview cut

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- 15:01:06:02 What/ who is involved in seafood industry regulations
- 15:01:54:15 What passing on traditions in seafood industry within families has created (geometric growth)
- 15:04:35:00 Effects on BLB-Coden area specifically
- 15:05:30:00 Perceptions of the fishing community in Maine versus perceptions of a fishing community in Alabama
- 15:07:37:09 Goals of Working Waterfront Committee for BLB- Coden area.
- 15:10:40:00 Future of the waterfront
- 15:11:50:00 Keyword- Canning plants
- 15:12:34:25 Keyword- Hurricane Katrina
- 15:14:15:05 Fisheries resource management and increasing population
- 15:16:20:00 Importance of having safe harbors
- 15:17:21:00 Talking about his (B.G. Thompson's) father's canning plant (showing an empty can that has been saved)